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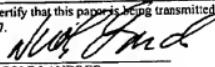
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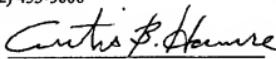
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/KH/	4-43171	1992.2.13	JP			ABSTRACT	
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